Title: Need to clear the proposal of Karanataka Government for improving standard of medical education - Laid.

SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ (TUMKUR) : The Medical Council of India inspected Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore, Mysore Medical College, Mysore, Karnataka Institute of Medical Science, Hubli and Vijaynagar Institute of Medical Science, Bellary and all the attached hospitals in 1996. After this inspection, the intake of undergraduate students of these four colleges have been reduced from 600 seats of meagre 400 seats.

The hospitals attached to Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore such as Victoria Hospital, Vani Vilas Hospital, Bowring & Lady Curzon Hospital and also SDS TB Sanitorium are required to be better equipped so that they offer adequate diagnostic and medical services and serve as training centres for Medical Students.

For providing modern treatment facilities, research facilities and improving standard of medical education, the Karnataka Government has forwarded a proposal called "Improvement of Mother and Child Health Programme for Bangalore Medical College and Attached Teaching Hospital" and was proposed for availing assistance of Rs.60.00 crore from Japanese International Co-operative Agency in the form of grant-in-aid for approval. This proposal is still pending with the Union Government.

I urge the Union Government that the approval of the above proposal may be given at the earliest.